

REMARKS

Claims 5, 6, 8-11, 13-20, 24, and 35-39 are all the claims pending in the Application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to return the initialed form PTO/SB/08 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on October 26, 2005. For Examiner's convenience, a copy of the form PTO/SB/08 is enclosed with the response.

Claims 9, 16-20, 24, 34, 38 and 39 contain allowable subject matter and claims 5, 6, 8, 13-15, 21-23, 25-33, and 35-37 presently stand rejected.

By this Amendment, Applicant places the application in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's rejections but to expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant amends claim 5 to include the features of the allowable claim 34. Applicant further cancels claims 21-23 and 25-34. Claims 5, 6, 8, 13-15, 35-37 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 5.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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